

CHAUNCEY DEPEW UNCORKS A VITALLY INTERESTING LOT OF STORIES WORLD FAMED

(By Associated Press.)
New York, Oct. 26.—Chauncey M. Depew, former United States Senator, in the opening installment of "Leaves from My Autobiography," in the forthcoming November issue of Scribner's Magazine, a retrospection of his childhood, youth and public service covering a period of 80 years, tells some new anecdotes of Lincoln, Grant, Andrew Johnson, Seward, Chase, Commodore Vanderbilt and other notable men of civil war days.

"I had a long and memorable interview with President Lincoln," Mr. Depew writes of a visit he paid to Washington in 1863 when he was Secretary of State for New York. "As I stepped from the crowd in his reception room, he said to me: 'What do you want?' I answered, 'Nothing, Mr. President, I only came to pay my respects and bid you good bye, as I am leaving Washington.' 'It is such a luxury,' he then remarked, 'to find a man who does not want anything. I wish you would wait until I get rid of this crowd.'"

"When we were alone he threw himself wearily on a lounge and was evidently greatly exhausted. Then he indulged, rocking backward and forward, in a reminiscent review of different crises in his administration and how he had met them. In nearly every instance he had carried his point, and either captured or beaten his adversaries by a story so apt, so on all fours, and with such complete answers that the controversy was over. I remember all of these stories, each of which was a victory."

Lincoln was always on the lookout for a good yarn, although he told Depew he never "invented" one. One night there was a reception in the Executive mansion. Rufus C. Andrews, Surveyor of the Port of New York and a confidential adviser of the President on New York affairs, attended the reception with Mr. Depew. As the procession of handshakers moved past, Lincoln stopped Andrews and, leaning over, spoke very confidentially to him, delaying the ceremonies for some time. Momentous issues were impending. Lincoln was in the midst of the campaign for renomination, his cabinet was inharmonious, the war was on and decisive battles were about to be fought. Newspapersmen and politicians buttonholed Andrews on his return to his hotel. Mr. Depew writes: "Andrews made a great mystery of his confidential conversation with Lincoln and so did the press. He explained to me when we were alone that during his visit to the President the night before he told Mr. Lincoln a new story. The President delayed him at the reception, saying: 'Andrews, I forgot the point of that story you told me last night; repeat it now.'"

"I am accused of telling a great many stories," Mr. Depew quotes Lincoln. "They say that it lowers the dignity of the presidential office but I have found that plain people take them as you find them. They are more easily influenced by a broad and humorous illustration than in any other way and what a critical few may think, I don't care."

"In speaking Mr. Lincoln had a peculiar cadence in his voice, caused by laying emphasis upon the key-

word of the sentence. In answer to the question how he knew so many anecdotes, he answered:

"I never invented a story but I have a good memory and, I think, tell one tolerably well. My early life was passed among pioneers who had the courage and enterprise to break away from civilization and settle in the wilderness. The things which happened to these original people and among themselves in their primitive conditions were far more dramatic than anything invented by the professional story tellers."

"For many years I travelled the circuit as a lawyer, and usually there was only one hotel in the county towns where court was held. The judges, the grand and petit juries, the lawyers, the clients and witnesses would pass the night telling exciting or amusing occurrences and these were of infinite variety and interest." Referring to Lincoln's adroitness in handling men and his personal humility, Mr. Depew said:

"No president ever had a cabinet of which the members were so independent, had so large individual followings and were so inharmonious. The president's sole ambition was to secure the ablest men in the country for the departments which he assigned to them without regard to their loyalty to himself. One of Mr. Seward's secretaries would frequently report to me the acts of disloyalty or personal hostility on the part of Mr. Chase with the lament: 'The old man—meaning Lincoln—knows all about it and will not do a thing.'"

Mr. Depew tells how he started on a business career that finally brought him to the presidency of the New York Central railroad. He had just been nominated and confirmed as United States Minister to Japan at \$7,500 a year "and an outfit of \$9,000." At the same time he had been offered the attorneyship for the New York & Harlem railroad at less salary. When he told Commodore Vanderbilt about it, the commodore remarked: "Railroads are the care for a young man; there is not a thing in politics. Don't be a damned fool."

That decided him and the result was that on January 1, 1871, Mr. Depew "rounded out 55 years in the railway service of this corporation."

The future Senator was admitted to the bar in 1858 and immediately opened an office in Peekskill, N. Y., a farmer who was his first client was a complicated question. Young Depew "prepared" the case with great care. The farmer asked him what his fee was and he said \$5. His client replied: "A dollar and seventy-five cents is enough for a young lawyer like you." And Depew accepted. It only to learn that the farmer had later gone to an older lawyer and paid \$500 for the same advice.

DAYTONA OPENS BIDS FOR PAVING-SEWERAGE
Daytona, Oct. 26.—At a special meeting of the city commissioners today bids were opened for the construction of \$450,000 worth of paving and sewerage. The contracts will be let as soon as the bids can be gone over and it is expected that the work will begin early in November.

Public Park On a Crater 14,000 Up Above Sea Level

(By Associated Press.)
Hilo, Hawaii, T. H., Oct. 26.—A road from Kilauea volcano, four thousand feet above sea-level, to the summit of the great active volcano of Mauna Loa, which towers 14,000 feet above the sea, will be constructed soon with the aid of the federal government which recently set apart the crater of Kilauea and the surrounding region as the latest National park, according to a letter

received here today by the Hawaiian board of trade.

Prof. T. A. Jaggar, United States government volcanologist on the island, and Lorrie A. Thurston, publisher of the Honolulu Advertiser, proposed that the road be built some time ago, and they have enlisted the aid of Stephen Mather, director of the National park service, who has promised his cooperation, the letter said.

Construction of the road will mean that tourists and inhabitants of the islands will be able to travel from Honolulu to the crater of Mauna Loa in twenty-four hours, it is said.

Australia Wants to Try For "Cup"

(By Associated Press.)
Sydney, New South Wales, Oct. 26.—A yacht should be built at Auckland to compete for the America cup on behalf of Australia and New Zealand, it was suggested today by T. M. Wilford, member of the New Zealand parliament, upon his return here from the United States. He expressed belief that such a venture is practicable and would advertise both countries in the United States, where he said he had found an "appalling ignorance" regarding Australia.

"I believe that such a yacht as would be required to sail from New Zealand to America could be built in Auckland, if the money could be found," he said. "There is no doubt that it would be a sound, commercial proposition, for every New Zealand firm would recognize that a challenge would afford publicity of the most effective sort. New Zealand could easily find a crew for such a boat and what a sensation would be caused if the hero of Jutland, Lord Jellicoe, could be persuaded to take command. The yacht could be sailed through the Panama canal and then hug the Atlantic shore to New York."

Japs Put a Crimp in Pearl Industry

London, Oct. 26.—Pearling has fallen on evil days because of unsettled conditions throughout the world. James Clarke of Brisbane, known as the "Australasian Pearl King," told the Royal commission investigating the pearling at Sydney, Australia. He added that contributing cause of the slump is the discovery by Japanese of the secret of growing pearls. All pearling boats are laid up at Thursday Island, while at Broome, West Australia, only 100 boats of 400 are working, says a correspondent of the Daily Mail.

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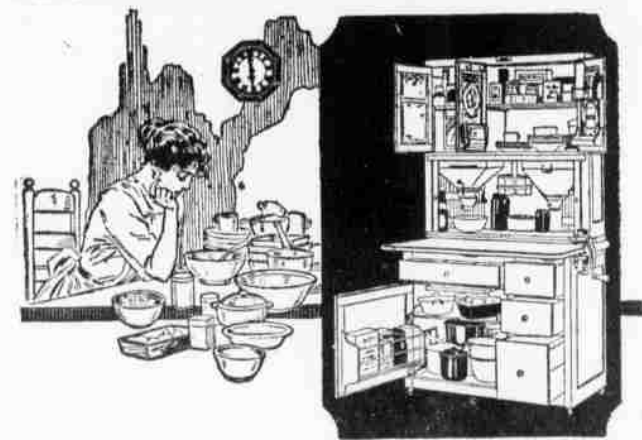
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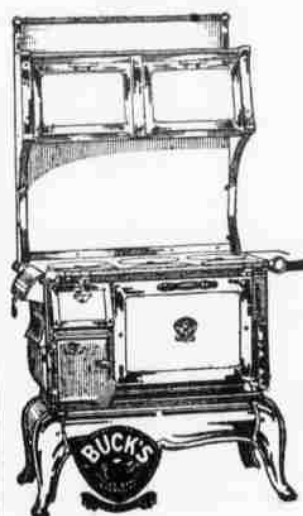
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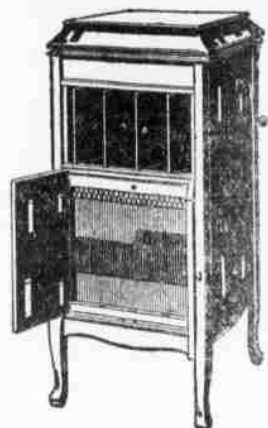
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